OLR Bill Analysis sHB 5299 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMENDATION MEDAL, AN ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AND THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR STATE MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.

SUMMARY:

This bill gives a U.S. Department of Defense DD Form 93, "Record of Emergency Data," executed by a U.S. or state armed forces member, the same legal effect as a document authorized under existing law that directs the (1) disposition or (2) custody and control of the disposition of a signatory's body at death.

It also makes conforming changes.

By law, the state's armed forces are the (1) National Guard; (2) organized militia (i.e., the governor's guards, the State Guard, and other military forces the governor may designate as commander-in-chief); and (3) naval militia and marine corps branch of the naval militia, whenever organized (CGS § 27-2).

*House Amendment "A" removes provisions creating state commendation and achievement medals for state service.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference Yea 9 Nay 0 (03/08/2012)

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/15/2012)